

Approved Minutes  
**Idaho Council for Technology in Learning**

May 29, 2003  
Hilton Garden Inn, 7699 West Spectrum Street, Boise ID 83709  
Garden Room West

**ICTL Members**

Senator Melvin Richardson, ICTL Chair

Rep. Allen Andersen  
Paula Conley  
Elizabeth Criner  
Supt. Marilyn Howard

Bill Leaf  
Senator Bert Marley  
Vern Newby  
Charles Ruch, (not present)

Gary Stivers,  
Ann Joslin  
Karen Vauk

**HEITC**

Higher Education Information  
Technology Committee  
Ann Joslin, HEITC Chair  
Randy Bow  
Christine Brady, (not present)  
Terry Lay, (not present)  
David O'Neill, (not present)  
Monti Pittman, (not present)  
Carmen Rahm  
Nancy Szofran  
Glenn Wilde, (not present)

**PEITC**

Public Education Information  
Technology Committee  
Bill Leaf, PEITC Chair  
Pete Black  
Vickie Chandler, (not present)  
Paula Conley  
Karen Ganske  
Christopher Gibson, (not present)  
Carolyn Mauer  
Deb McGrath, represented by  
Kendall Gjevre  
Ray Mikelson, (not present)

**BOTS**

Bureau of Technology Services  
Rich Mincer, Bureau Chief  
Dan Hawkins  
Mark Kuskie  
Sherawn Merritt  
Gretchen Rader  
Dawn Wilson  
Tracie Zalucha  
Devan Delashmutt

**IETA**

Idaho Educational  
Technology Association  
Bob England  
Kendall Gjevre

**Deans**

Jeanne Christiansen  
Joyce Lynn Garrett  
Larry Harris, (not present)  
Janette Hill

**Technical Assistants**

Jerry Beck, (not present)  
Ken Campbell, (not present)  
Randy Gaines, (not present)

**Regional Advisors**

Heidi Rogers, (not present)  
Gary Mayton  
Eddie Kennedy  
Carolyn Thorsen  
Dorothy Sammons

**Guests**

Rep. Pam Ahrens	David Lee-Sue	Dale Thornsberry
David Breithaup	Jim Marconi	Jerry Tuchscherer
Shelley Brooks	Duane Peck	Roger Widner
Rich Elwood	Wayne Rush	Donna Vakili
Betsy Goeltz	Jeff Shinn	
Tom Hobson	Corey Simpson	

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**Opening Remarks and Minutes**

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The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am. Senator Richardson began with comments regarding his realization during preparation for this meeting that the need for ICTL is even greater. He also remarked that the future of technology in Idaho is really exciting. Senator Richardson asked the ICTL members and everyone in attendance for introductions.

**Motion #1:** Vern Newby moved to accept the December 13, 2002 ICTL meeting minutes. Rep. Allen Andersen seconded the motion. Vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Senator Richardson asked Rich Mincer to give the current national technology standings. In 2000, Idaho was #1 in many areas. Now other states are getting funding and are improving technology. Some of those statistics are as follows: Idaho ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> for student computer use, 3<sup>rd</sup> for schools with internet access, 2<sup>nd</sup> for internet in classrooms, 23<sup>rd</sup> for schools with a T-1 or better connection.

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**Legislative Report**

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Senator Richardson asked many for their comments on this years legislative decisions. They are as follows:

Rich Mincer stated funding for technology remains 8.4 million for 2003-2004 and the state will keep trying for additional funding in the future. Senator Bert Marley thinks funding will be worse in the future since it will take time for the state budget to recover. Representative Allen Andersen believes that the legislation understands technology is important, like the ISIMS project which the legislation passed, but progress will be slow due to limited funding. Dr. Marilyn Howard commented that although there are limited funds for technology, there are many bright spots like the Digital Learning Academy and ISIMS.

Gary Stivers thought the statistics for Idaho, given by Rich Mincer, demonstrate how much Idaho has accomplished and the statistics are even more impressive because we are a rural state. He commented on several ongoing technology projects in Idaho, including ISIMS, IDANET, EDNET and the need for collaboration since the budget is tight. He then thanked the legislation for their support for technology. Senator Richardson said he has concern about the need for equipment and the need for funding to maintain that equipment. Jeff Shinn commented on the fact that there is financial need throughout the state, but there is even less money than previously thought.

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**J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation Reports**

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Wayne Rush presented information regarding Teaching with Technology (TWT) and Idaho Student Information Management System (ISIMS):

**TWT:** Wayne emphasized the importance of integrating technology into the classroom. He stated that teaching and learning, however, are the most important element in education.

**ISIMS:**

Wayne commented that statewide, the needs of Idaho include information and tools to *diagnose* and *prescribe* specific individual student learning activities to raise student performance and consistent data for all stakeholders to improve educational decision- making.

Wayne stated the mission of ISIMS is to equip the Idaho educational system stakeholders with the most efficient and effective student information management and reporting system. ISIMS will be a centralized, uniform system that includes a host of web-based resources and tools for education stakeholders. The Governor signed ISIMS Bill #367 on April 15, 2003 and an agreement between the Albertson Foundation, State Board of Education and the State Department of Education is complete.

ISIMS will allow students and parents to access progress reports and grades on-line. It will enhance parental involvement and school/parent communication. Teachers will have access to curriculum and lesson plans, class assessments, progress reports, grade books, and comparison data with student groups. School districts will be able to access school and program performance information. State educational agencies will have access to district/school report cards, State/Federal/NCLB related reporting, and information for program improvement. The Governor and Legislature will be able to track progress of meeting State standards to aid in setting goals and developing state budgets. Wayne displayed several sample screens these stakeholders will be able to access with ISIMS.

The major system components of ISIMS will include a student information system (SASlxp), a curriculum management concert instruction and assessment, and a data warehouse for reporting and analytics. Wayne discussed the projected timeline and phases for these components to be accessed statewide. Wayne also mentioned the next steps for ISIMS and some of the risks associated with this project.

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Senator Richardson asked Dean Jeanne Christiansen to respond to the ISIMS information. Dean Christiansen responded that as representative of the Deans of Education in Idaho, there is a need for involvement by many in the state and their roles need to be re-evaluated. In light of budget considerations and new state initiatives, the Deans of Education will review the roles and responsibilities of the RTAs at their next meeting in June. Their recommended plan will be presented at the ICTL meeting in December 2003.

Vern Newby wanted to know how private schools fit into ISIMS and Gary Stivers responded that he believed they must pay a fee to be part of ISIMS.

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**Higher Education Information Technology Committee Report**

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Ann Joslin introduced the HEITC members present. She commented that the preeminent accomplishment of the committee is the development of their strategic plan.

Nancy Szofran reviewed the HEITC progress report that was included in the binders. She then addressed the questions Representative Fred Tillman asked the HEITC Chair, Ann Joslin, at the last ICTL meeting.

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**IASA - Bill and Melinda Gates Grant**

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Dale Thornsberry gave an update on IASA. He said 1.7 million has been spent on the Idaho Administrator's Leadership with Technology Academy (IALTA) project. Most of this funding went towards technology, like laptops and PDAs. Although, this project ends in 2003, other projects in Idaho will be forthcoming.

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**Federal Reports**

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Dawn Wilson updated the committee with the following information on federal reports:

Dawn gave an update on the federal grant Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT). She said 3 million dollars will be given to Idaho schools. The money is divided between 1.4 million going to schools based on a formula from Title I funds and 1.4 million is competitive. Dr. Howard asked if the schools who received the competitive grants have to give a final report. Dawn replied that these reports will be given in December 2003 by those awarded in

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December 2002 by the ICTL and these reports will be passed on to the ICTL in early 2004.

Kendall Gjevre remarked that she was asked by the Region 1 superintendents to request that the process for competitive funding include an outside source to review the competitive reports rather than the ICTL. Senator Richardson asked Dawn to look into the cost of having an outside source review the reports and also have that source review the procedure followed by the ICTL to see how they would do it differently. This information will be reviewed by the ICTL at a later date. Dr. Howard commented that the State Department offers information to help grant writers.

Dawn then gave an update on the competitive grants read in December 2002 by the ICTL members. As agreed at that time, all of the grants were reviewed by Dr. David Breithaup prior to being awarded.

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**Public Education Information Technology Committee Report**

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Bill Leaf thanked all who helped to create the State Technology Plan, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Idaho Student Information Technology Standards and K-7 Benchmarks. Presentations were made on these draft documents by Pete Black and Jim Marconi in order for the ICTL to vote that these documents are ready for public comment.

Senator Richardson asked how the standards and benchmarks can be assessed. Rich Mincer commented that on a national level, no other school has surpassed the work done in Idaho on a state technology plan or technology standards. However, all states are finding assessment to be a problem. Rich, Pete and Jim agreed that technology alone should not be assessed, but rather be integrated into the courses of study. The cost of an actual assessment would be too great, especially when there is limited funding. The possibility of having a portfolio in 8<sup>th</sup> grade to demonstrate what students have been learning to meet the required federal 8<sup>th</sup> grade standards was discussed.

**Motion #2:** Bert Marley moved that both the State Technology Plan and the technology standards and benchmarks go to public comment. Paula Conley seconded the motion. Vote was taken and all approved

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**State Reports**

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Dan Hawkins gave a report on Geographic Information Systems (GIS). In his report he demonstrated the broad and many uses this tool can provide education.

Dawn Wilson reported on the NETC partnership and the ICTL state technology fund application process, Phase I and Phase II.

**NETC:** There will be a report in December 2003 that will include an overview of educational technology programs in Idaho, a review of existing data from Phase I, Phase II and interviews, a plan for future data collection and reporting, a summary and recommendations.

**State Technology Funding:** 8.4 million dollars will be distributed to districts during 2003-2004 for technology in two payments called Phase I and Phase II

**Phase I:** The state technology on-line survey must be completed by school districts by July 15, 2003 in order to receive Phase 1 funding by mid-August. <http://www.sde.state.id.us/bots>.

**Phase II:** Since technology plans are being worked on this school year, Dawn proposed that the districts file only a budget sheet and budget narrative by October 2003 in order to receive Phase II funding in December/January.

**Motion #3:** Bert Marley moved that this change be made to Phase II. Bill Leaf seconded the motion. Vote was taken and all approved.

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**Next ICTL Meeting and Adjournment**

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The next ICTL meeting is tentatively set for December 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.